

HOMESTEAD WEED AND SEED

With current and future development, the City of Homestead is the fastest growing city in South Florida. The Residents of the targeted area and the Homestead Police Department recognizes the current high crime rate that keeps citizens living in fear, and the potential increase of the crime rate with impending development. Operation “Hot Spots” is an intensified effort by the Homestead Police Department and community residents that is geared to drop the current crime rate within the targeted area through an integrated partnership, thus developing and maintaining an acceptable crime rate below the national norm for similar cities.

Homestead Weed and Seed’s strategy is to revitalize the neighborhood socially and economically this includes:

- ❖ Reducing criminal gang activity in the targeted area through the coordination of Law Enforcement, DEA and the State Attorney’s Office.
- ❖ Increasing police interaction with residents and business owners through the assignment of officers to the targeted area to respond to residents concerns in order to reduce their fear of crime through an integrated partnership.
- ❖ Providing a Safe Haven that youth and their families can go to that will provide supportive services, academic enrichment, exposure to cultural arts, health education and organized sports which will assist in reducing juvenile delinquency in the targeted area.
- ❖ Improving the living conditions within the community by addressing the rental units and surrounding property that are decaying and unattended by their landlords.
- ❖ Identifying and addressing code violations that are decaying the community.

Our goals are to eliminate violent crime, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime from our targeted area in Homestead, Florida. This will provide a safe environment, free of crime and drug use, for law-abiding citizens to live, work and to raise healthy families.